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Amendments to the Abstract:

Please delete the Abstract section and replace with the following paragraph:

A method of verifying barcode data, comprising the steps of detecting the presence of barcode data in a digital file, obtaining measurements of the bars and spaces of the barcode data, identifying the type of barcode data present in the file, decoding said barcode data using a predetermined algorithm used for that type of barcode data, verifying said barcode data using the result of the decoding step, and outputting the results of the verification. Another embodiment includes a system for verifying barcode data, comprising a detector for detecting the presence of barcode data in a digital file, a measurer for obtaining measurements of the bars and spaces of said barcode data; an identifier for identifying the type of barcode data present in said file, a decoder for decoding said barcode data using a predetermined algorithm, a verifier for verifying said barcode data; and a communicator to output the results of the verification.

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